

# Society Turns Toward the Winter Resorts

## Playgrounds of the South and North Attract Throngs

Advance of Visitors Already in Sunny Climes for the Season, but Winter Sports in Snowy Lands Have Their Devotees, Too.

THE most extensive winter resort land in the present day world is waiting and ready to furnish midwinter recreation for thousands of persons from hundreds of cities in the United States and Canada. Finishing touches being given to improvements in scores of great hotels, each a village in itself, are the result of the expenditure of many millions of dollars. Additional steamships are to ply Atlantic waters between icy Northern ports and Southern cities that are washed by the warm current of the Gulf Stream.

It was estimated yesterday by an old time railroad man that this winter is to see a 10 per cent. increase in Southern resort traffic over the 1921-22, "and last year was a mighty big one for railroads and steamship lines," he added.

Statistics deduced from new creature comforts for midwinter tourists within or near American borders would be complicated and staggering. One mid-south colony, which suggests May while New York wades through December slush, is expending \$500,000 on new roads. More than a million dollars has gone into a new hotel that has risen from the ashes of its predecessor. One of the Gulf Stream resorts lists improvements that in a year's time have exceeded \$3,000,000. Those figures are mere surface scratches.

Truly spoke a British tourist, who, upon his recent return to England after a tour of the States, said: "In America the study of recreation is a national science backed by unlimited capital."

Two weeks hence the first of the "de luxe" trains for the South will formally mark the opening of the drift from New York to the lands of perpetual summer, and there will be similar chapters in the winter life of the other great American centers.

From the Pennsylvania Station in the late afternoon the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line will open the annual winter commuting season between the metropolis and the colonies south of the Mason and Dixon line to the jumping off point of Florida—a forty-eight hour trip that has become part and parcel of the midwinter routine of hundreds of residents of this city.

From the same station the Southern Railroad will broaden this long distance commuting system to the inland resorts of the South in the hills and mountains of North and South Carolina and Georgia, while the hotels, golf courses and bridge trails in the western Virginia colonies will continue their year-round allurements.

And yet to the casual observer New York, slush bound as it will be, will lose none of its attractions as a perpetual resort with its 323 theaters, its fifty weekly orchestral concerts in addition to its grand opera, its seventeen civic and private art galleries and its palatial hotels that in the midcity section alone boast of 5,000,000 visitors in a year.

### Attractions in Snowy Latitudes.

Strong as will be the lure of the South when the de luxe trains start running after January 1, some hardy hundreds will prefer the vigorous, snowbound amusements of the frozen north. That group has made careful note of scheduled winter sports with the following dates standing out as of prime attraction:

Montreal, January 6 to March 1, with Lord Byng presiding over the opening festivities.

Quebec, with her promised revival in early January "Of the days of the pioneers."

Hanover, N. H., the annual January Dartmouth winter carnival.

North Conway, N. H., January 25, 26 and 27.

Tamworth, N. H., December 27, 28 and 29.

Lake Placid, search for the Yule Log, December 23; curling, January 17 to 20, and ski week beginning February 5.

Battleboro, Vt., ski tournaments, January 12 and 13 and February 24.

Maine is coming forward this winter with a series of notable midwinter sport offerings, with the following dates already set: Portland, February 3; Waterville, January 25, 26 and 27; Orono, February 8, 9 and 10; Augusta, February 15, 16 and 17; Bangor, February 22, and Auburn, February 23.

Greenfield, Mass., has arranged an extensive program of winter sports, with its mountain toboggan slide as a feature.

The Tuxedo Park winter colony awaited the first snow flurry to open its program. A new toboggan slide is ready for use there also, and prizes await those making the fastest time at stated periods. Skiing contests have been arranged with prizes for the winners in various contests. The Tuxedo Park Ski Club is more enthusiastic than ever and the fleet of ice-boats is larger than it was last year.

There also are to be some extra winter sports at Lenox. From Racquette Lake comes the news that the winter colony there is forming. Mrs. Raymond T. Baker is one of December and January. Mr. Harry Payne Whitney and several friends preceded Mr. Baker and his party to Lake Umbagog, which is south of Thomaston, just over the line in Florida.

Then the fancy stops in North Carolina at Asheville. It is there that \$500,000 is being expended on new roads through the picturesque uplands, roads of equal fascination to the horseman and the motorist.

It is a test of one's power of concentration to play golf at Asheville with a panorama of eighty miles of mountain land extending before the eye. That progressive town of 35,000 persons has two golf clubs, the Asheville City Club and the Biltmore Country Club, the latter fashioned out of 180 acres of the famous Vanderbilt

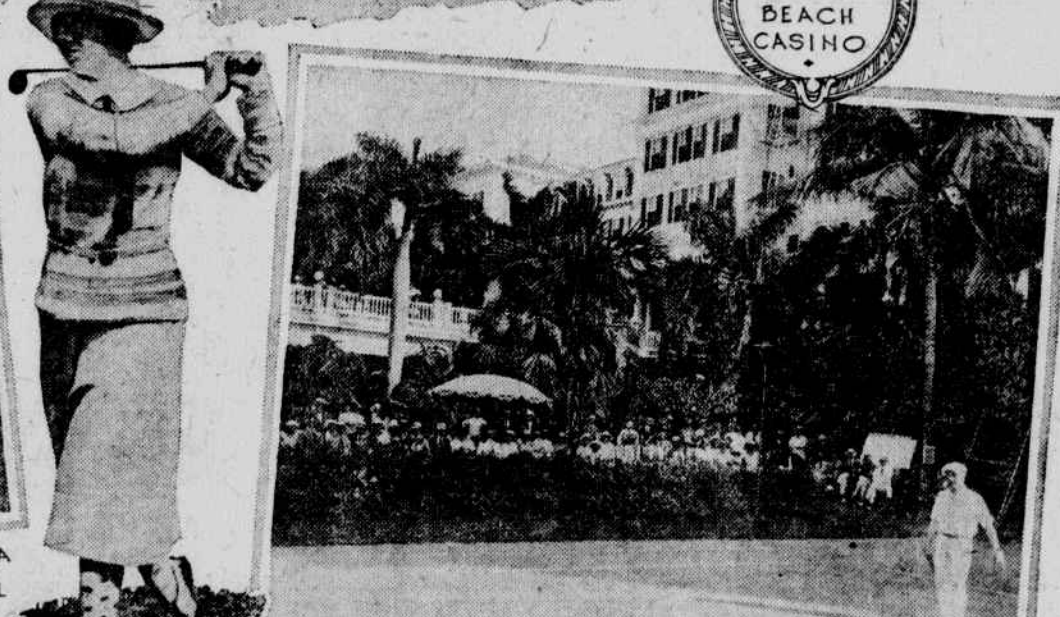
Under Southern Skies Where Rest and Recreation Await Visitors From the North



AT THE PALM BEACH CASINO



MISS GLENNA COLLETT WOMAN'S NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPION AT DELAWARE



AT THE COLONIAL HOTEL, NASSAU, BAHAMAS.

## Americans Crowd Havana's Resorts for Early Season

Hotels Have Many Reservations—Casino and Jockey Club Attractive.

**SPECIAL CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.**  
HAVANA, Dec. 15.—There is every prospect of an extremely successful season here. The Jockey Club and the Casino are already crowded with the earliest of the American visitors, and the Plaza, the Sevilla, the Alameda and the Inglaterra have extraordinary reservations for January from Americans.

Many of the visitors have taken advantage of the splendid weather to go to the winter at the South Carolina resort. Mr. and Mrs. William Ziegler will have the Wistaria cottage. Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin will be in Hopelands by January 1. Mr. Elliphalet Nott Potter, Jr., has taken the Turner cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sabin also will join the colony, having taken the Robert Leach house. This winter's Aiken colony also will include Mr. and Mrs. L. Stuart Wing in the Rice cottage, Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Grace in the Perdue house, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel C. Reynal in the Stone cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Rutherford in The Pillars, as well as Mrs. John R. Pell, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Adams Shaw, Mrs. Frederick A. Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Harry I. Nicholas. Early arrivals have found the Highland Park Hotel with fifty-two new rooms and Wilcox's much enlarged and improved.

### Polo Under Way at Pinehurst.

Polo is under way at Pinehurst, N. C., a pleasant motor trip from Aiken. Last Thursday John A. Tuckerman of Boston and A. V. Slocock of Dublin, handicap players on the team of the Sand Hill Polo Club there, scored 8 goals each against the visitors' team. It was the second session of the Sand Hill club's annual invitation tournament. The score was 21 goals to 7 in favor of the Sand Hill players. This North Carolina resort is nationally famous for its golf courses.

In the next step southward toward the semi-tropics of Florida stand such Georgian resorts as those at Thomaston, Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah. Augusta is coming into her own again with the rebuilt Bon Air Hotel, which is to be opened on New Year's Day as the Bon Air-Vanderbilt, under the management of Walton H. Marshall of the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York.

Of the many picturesque golf courses at the various Georgia centers none excel in topographical beauty the two of the Augusta Country Club, to which patrons of the Bon Air-Vanderbilt will be eligible.

The De Soto Hotel at Savannah is open, and the first important incident there in the social life of the winter is to be the annual Pan-Hellenic Christmas ball. There also is to be a special Christmas Day tournament at the Savannah Golf Club.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Archbold of New York are settled in Chinquapin Plantation, their Thomaston home, for the winter. Last week Mr. George F. Baker, Jr., passed through Thomaston with a party of friends for ten days' shooting at Lake Umbagog, Fla. They will return to Thomaston for more shooting before coming back to New York. Mr. Harry Payne Whitney and several friends preceded Mr. Baker and his party to Lake Umbagog, which is south of Thomaston, just over the line in Florida.

Opening of the Breakers. The opening of the Breakers at Palm Beach on Wednesday will sound a note in the start of the winter period there. The Everglades Club



AN AVENUE OF PALMS AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

## Life at Miami Livened by Yachting and Other Sports

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.**  
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 15.—Opening ceremonies by Pryor and his band have livened the week. Early season visitors turned out to welcome the leader and his men. He has been engaged for a longer period than ever before. The band stand has been rebuilt and there beneath the palms in Royal Palm Park, afternoons and evenings, until late in the spring, good music will be enjoyed.

The William Jennings Bryan Bible club, which meets each winter in the park on Sunday mornings, will have its opening session to-morrow.

A long distance motorboat race from Miami to Havana March 3 has been announced by the race commission of the American Power Boat Association. Other dates on the winter schedule are: January 2 to 4, Los Angeles; January 24 and 26, Bermuda; February 15 to 19, New Orleans; February 21 to March 3, motorboat show, New York city; March 3 to 10, Miami; March 6, cruiser race, Key West to Miami; March 9 and 10, runabout and cruiser races on Biscayne Bay.

The opportunity at Miami for winter golf, together with the bathing, is one of the chief assets in attracting winter visitors, the country clubs, with their fine cuisines and well kept golf courses, having a lure which few golfers can resist.

There are already four seasoned courses, with two additional ones to be available January 1. Miami Beach has three within sight of the ocean.

A gift of the acres of land by Glenn Curtiss for a municipal golf course at Hialeah, which the City Commissioners plan to take over and maintain at public expense, is being developed by a group of prominent Miamians. Another club has taken over a nine hole course at

## The Danse de la Mer Adds Thrill to Palm Beach Life

A Reproduction of the Plaza of a Moorish Castle, It Threatens to Overshadow Even the Cocoanut Grove.

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.**  
PALM BEACH, Dec. 15.

NEW thrill has been added this winter for the Northerners who come southward with the snows to enjoy the tropical loveliness of Palm Beach. When the season opens formally next Wednesday with the opening of the Breakers Hotel even the splendor and fame of the Cocoanut Grove will be overshadowed by the beauty of the city's latest extravaganza, the "Danse de la Mer."

It is a reproduction of the plaza of a Moorish castle, laid out to meet the fastidious tastes of Americans who love the dance, the sunlight and the sea.

Those who have seen this new masterpiece in its greatest of winter masterpieces its architecture superb and its setting gorgeous. It has been built to take the place of the Breakers' porch for refreshments, concerts and dancing. There will be little else but sunshine, gaiety, life and fashion here. With its courtyards and baths and pavilions the "Danse de la Mer" holds out for the pleasure seeker an invitation that is harmonious and lasting.

Palm Beach looks forward this year to its greatest season. The advance guard of tourists and winter residents has already come in, but it is primarily for the residents of the Breakers and of the Royal Poinciana, that opens January 15, that the Danse de la Mer has been opened as a new attraction. There seems to be no doubt but that it will hold its own with the Cocoanut Grove as a rendezvous for exclusive functions in the morning and early evenings.

**Built Like Letter "U."**  
The Danse de la Mer is built in the shape of the letter U, with wings running east and west, and so located that frequenters of its pleasures may at times view the Atlantic that lies a stone's throw away. The building's color is a warm pink that blends well with the surroundings.

A first glance inside reveals a spacious area arranged with tables on the terraces and on the grass plots as well. These are protected from the sun with gay umbrellas. Tables are provided also in the boxes that are used for exclusive parties in the wing salons.

In the body of the structure is a children's pool and above it a dancing floor 40 by 54 feet, lying between the wings. Over the floor swings a gigantic umbrella. Between the dancing ground and the sea is a pergola of stone covered with a canopy of glass.

In many respects the Danse de la Mer is a triumph in tropical outdoor architecture, lending to the Breakers the air of a summer garden. In it one may dance or simply sit and wonder at the waving palms and many flowers.

**Welcome for the Visitors.**  
Such is the welcome that awaits the Northern visitors who visit Palm Beach this winter. The whole island already has come to its winter life after a long sleep of eight months. Golf links and

## Nassau, Bahamas, to Have New Hotel Open in February

Another Projected to Care for Large Number of Visitors.

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.**

NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 16.  
LESS than a year ago the old Colonial Hotel, facing to the sea—a Mecca for years for northern visitors—was burned. Nassau itself was threatened with destruction. Very little damage was done to the city, but the hotel and part of its beautiful tropical gardens were destroyed in a few hours.

Although Nassau thereby lost its largest hotel it was undaunted. Plans were immediately made to erect a new and better hotel on the old site. The new Colonial, a fireproof structure, will open its doors early in February. Still another hotel project promises to materialize soon.

With the new hotel, which 1,600 men are rushing to completion, by working day and night, together with the old Royal Victoria and many boarding houses, the visitors who have known the charm of Nassau through many years need have no fears about being cared for during the coming season.

Frank A. Munson, president of the Munson Steamship Line, a lover of Nassau and believer in its future, has been active in planning and rebuilding the new Colonial. When completed it will be one of the most unique and attractive winter resorts in the world. The beautiful palm garden which surrounded the old hotel has been fully restored as one of the beauty spots of Nassau.

The first to register for New Year for the new Colonial are Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Doubleday, Mr. and Mrs. James Garfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Whitcomb, Mr. L. A. Kniffin, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Comer, Mr. Daniel Frohman, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dickson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stradella, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Spencer Goodwin, Mr. W. Scott Cameron and Miss Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Warner McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. White and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Page.

From other cities will be Mr. and Mrs. William Bacon and Mr. Robert Sutton, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Batchelor, Jr., and family of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Borden, Jr., of Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. William W. Renwick, Shaker Hills, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Woodward, Estes Park, Col.; Mr. A. R. Boswell, Dr. S. G. Cummings, Mr. T. B. Greening and Miss Greening of Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Ware Merriman, Farmington, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Boocock, Castalia, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Woodworth, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. B. Wickes and family, Saginaw, Mich.; Mrs. R. J. Young, Stamford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Calkins, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnold, Albany, N. Y.; Mr. Charles G. Hill of Hartford, Conn.

One of the special attractions at Nassau this season will be the annual tennis tournament. The Bahamas Tennis Club, which will be held on the courts of the new Colonial on February 14, under the auspices of the United States and the British Lawn Tennis associations. There will be a full schedule of play for both men and women and Mr. S. Wallis Merrihew of the American Lawn Tennis Association is chairman of the committee.

A number of improvements have been made in the Royal Victoria, a smaller but most attractive hotel, which has been operated for many years by the British. A full schedule of play for both men and women and Mr. S. Wallis Merrihew of the American Lawn Tennis Association is chairman of the committee.

The Munson Steamship Line and the Ward Line, which operate between New York on weekly sailings, and the P. and O. Line will have three sailings a week during the season from Miami direct to Nassau, which is reached from Miami in a matter of hours.

Those who visit Nassau this winter promise to be well repaid. The "land of perpetual June" and its charms are becoming better and better known each year.

Nassau residents feel that an injustice has been done the Bahamas by reports of it being a bootlegger paradise and infested by a rough element dangerous to travelers. Allen H. Wood of Boston, who has been in the Bahamas many times in and out of season and has just gone back to the States, says he has never yet seen, nor heard of, women or visitors being annoyed or injured by the so-called "rough element."

"It is true," he says, "that one runs across bootleggers there, but so does one in Boston and, in fact, in any other city of any size in the United States. But in Nassau those individuals, mostly from our own States, keep by themselves and do not interest themselves in other people's affairs."

"It should be understood that Nassau is a British colony and that prohibition is therefore unknown there; that the handling and shipping of liquors is a legitimate business there."

## Performance to Help Buy Gifts for Poor Children

Anna Nichols, author, producer and manager of "Abie's Irish Rose" and Oliver Bailey, licensee and manager of the Republic Theater, have arranged in behalf of the poor children of New York a special performance of "Abie's Irish Rose" for this evening at the Republic Theater, from which all proceeds will be given to the Santa Claus Association.

The Santa Claus Association, Inc., is the official Santa Claus post office of America. All mail addressed by the kiddies to Santa Claus is turned over to this association and answered by way of Christmas gifts.

The opening of the Angebilt, Orlando's fine new hotel, in January will be an event which marks an epoch in the city's growth and importance. There will be a dinner dance the opening night.

Edgar Harrison of Newark, at the San Juan; Mrs. E. W. McClair, Miss Ella Warner and Mr. Wilkes McClair of East Orange and Mr. and Mrs. William Soeberger of Hillsdale, N. J., are among recent registrants.

Orlando friends of Miss Celia Salmon are gratified to read the glowing accounts of her piano recitals in New York city.